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Ms. Kim Collins
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Dear Ms. Collins,

Enclosed is a designation of counsel statement for our client, Democracy for America, in connection with Matter Under Review 5739. If you should have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-778-4040.

Sincerely,



Eric Kleinfeld

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL
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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

5/12/06
 Date

Thomas R. Hughes
 Signature

Executive Director
 Title

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